

DSS ADMINISTRATIVE LETTER NO. ECONOMIC AND FAMILY SERVICES 6-2015  
Social Security Medicare Part B Premium  
**(December 21, 2015)**

**(Food and Nutrition Services)**

County Directors of Social Services

**ATTENTION:** Food and Nutrition Services Managers and Supervisors

**DATE:** December 21, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Social Security Medicare Part B Premium

**EFFECTIVE:** **January 1, 2016**

**I. GENERAL INFORMATION**

The purpose of this letter is to outline the procedures for handling the Medicare Part B premium.

Effective January 1, 2016 the standard Medicare Part B premium will increase to \$121.80 for applicants that enroll for the first time. Those who are currently enrolled and paying \$104.90, Medicare Part B premium will remain the same at this time.

The updated DSS-8560, Caseworker Desk Reference is attached.

**II. PROCEDURES FOR UPDATING INCREASED MEDICARE PREMIUM PAYMENT AMOUNTS**

**Actions Taken On Or After January 1, 2016**

Enter the appropriate amount of the Medicare premium payment in NC FAST effective January 2016 or later.

**III. IMPLEMENTATION INSTRUCTIONS**

Effective only for recipients that enroll for Medicare Part B premium in 2016 for the first time. At each application, recertification, and change in situation, determine eligibility as appropriate and enter the information in NC FAST.

If you have any FNS policy questions, please contact DHHS Operational Support Team (OST) at [ost.policy.questions@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:ost.policy.questions@dhhs.nc.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Locklear". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

David Locklear, Chief  
Economic and Family Services Section

Attachment (1): [Caseworker Desk Reference](#)

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